

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.398**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn F. McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Definitions of "Person," "Child," "Born Alive"		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 398 amends Section 2-7-30 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, relating to the construction of the words "Person" and "Party" as those words appear in the laws of this State, to provide that the construction of "Person", "Human Being", "Child", and "Individual" includes infant members of the species Homo Sapiens who are born alive, and to define "Born Alive". The Bill also declares that legal status does not apply to an individual until after being "born alive."

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Health & Environmental Control both indicate this Bill will have no direct fiscal impact on their respective agency.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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